THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): No, Sir. As a Member State of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), India follows the requirements laid down by ICAO for emission standards. The aircraft under scheduled/non-scheduled operation in India are certified with emission levels within limits as prescribed by ICAO standards.

Control of domestic and industrial detergents

1856. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note that in other countries, there is a specific policy for banning and controlling the use of domestic detergents and industrial detergents to prevent pollution of rivers;

(b) whether Government have completed a river-specific study on how much detergent is being discharged into any river;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to give notice to detergent producers to change chemical composition of their products and reduce water pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) There are 25 States in U.S.A. which have enacted legislative ban on the use of phosphate in detergents. Countries under European Commission have also taken regulatory measures on the manufacture, storage, marketing and use of detergents ensuring high level environment protection. These countries have instituted schemes on introduction of environment friendly products including detergents.

(b) to (d) No specific studies have been conducted for assessing quantity of detergents being discharged into rivers in the country. The Government have introduced a Scheme on Eco-mark and brought out a notification on soaps and detergents specifying that the products should not contain phosphate. Notification also requires that safety on use of the products shall be evaluated in conformity with the methods specified in Bureau of Indian Standards.